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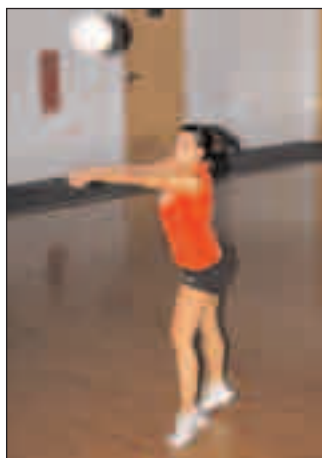
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Command Message

The 2006 Marine Corps Air Station New River Air Show will be held May 12, 13 and 14 at Station Operations.

For more information, contact Maj. Michael Wood at 449-5007.

A team of organized criminals are installing equipment on legitimate bank ATM's in at least two regions to steal both the ATM card number and the personal identification number.

The team sits nearby in a car receiving the information transmitted wirelessly over weekends and evenings from equipment they install on the front of the ATM.

If you see anything suspicious report it to the bank using the free number on the front of the ATM.

The United Services Organization, Sanders Ford, Onslow County Tourism and JOEMC would like to invite all military identification card holders and a guest out for a II Marine Expeditionary Force Homecoming Show.

Held on Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Station Concert Site, the show will feature country singer Ty England with an additional shows including the rap performer Fox 1 and the heavy metal band 99 Years.

The show will be free for all military servicemembers.

The USO will provide free food during the show.

Call 346-3155 for additional information.

Gates open at noon.

There will be a Texas Hold'em Poker Night at the Staff Noncommissioned Officer's Club on Friday.

The first cards will be dealt at 6:30 p.m., and play ends at midnight.

Tickets will be sold at the club and through your unit's SNCO Club advisory board member and will cost \$20.

Naval Hospital

The beginning of the flu season is fast approaching.

The Naval Hospital anticipates vaccines will be available by Nov. 1. If you are identified as high risk, you will be notified by mail of when to come in for your flu shot.

The Naval Hospital will be offering flu vaccinations to all beneficiaries at one of our many distribution sites.

Please watch the local newspaper and news for further announcements of locations, dates, times and other important flu information.

Education

Marines leaving active duty as an officer or enlisted with a four-year degree who want to learn more about the Marine Corps Reserve and its benefits are encouraged to contact Maj. Greg B. Malone, 2nd Transitional Recruiting Office reserve officer recruiter on Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C., at malonegb@lejeune.usmc.mil, or call 451-2788.

Religious Info

The Weekly Men's Bible Study Group meets every Thursday morning at 6 a.m., at the Mainside Protestant Chapel Annex behind the Chapel, off McHugh Boulevard.

For more information, contact Chaplain James Dance at 451-3210, Maj. Jo Rozier at 451-7842, Staff Sgt. Stacey Lafferty at 450-8595 or Jim Sides at 451-5024.

Environmental Affairs

Keep North Carolina waterways safe and secure by reporting any and all suspicious activity.

To report suspicious activity, call the National Response Center

toll free at 800-424-8802 or 877-24-WATCH, or dial 911.

In the Corps

Free financial workshops are being offered at Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C., starting today.

Classes are free and available to active duty, spouses, civil service & non-appropriated funds personnel, retirees and all family members.

Upcoming workshops are Investment Basics, today from 1 to 4:30 p.m., Noncommissioned Officer Financial Leadership, Oct. 20, from 1 to 4:30 p.m., and Command Financial Specialist, Oct. 24-28, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily.

Workshops are conducted at building 825 at the Camp Lejeune Learning Center, room 104.

Career roadmaps are available for enlisted Marines and their leaders. Roadmaps offer a single source reference for Military Occupational Specialty training, education requirements and recommendations.

The program was initiated in 2004 and is designed to offer Marines a "one-stop-shop" guide that will enable them to capitalize on all available opportunities to enhance professional, educational and personal development.

For more information, go to www.tecom.usmc.mil/g3/roadmap.php or read All Marine Message 044/05.

Dependents of servicemembers who die on active duty will be paid basic allowance for housing for each day after the date of the member's death, not to exceed 365 days.

Dependents qualify for BAH as long as they do not occupy a housing facility under the jurisdiction of a Uniformed Service on a nonrental basis.

The allowance shall be paid in the same amount and in the same manner as that which the member would have been paid.



Civilian Spotlight

Jim Frizzell
MV-22 Full Flight Simulator Maintenance Site Leader

Hometown: Enfield, Conn.
Family: Daughter, Lindsey

Military background: Frizzell retired from Marine Corps Air Station Tustin, Calif., as a master sergeant after 20 years of service on May 31, 1988.

Time on Station: He has been working here for 15 years.

Best part of job: Frizzell said the best part of his job is the people he works with. "They're good (technicians), they know their jobs and get the work done."

Best part of working with the military: Frizzell said he enjoys the togetherness and bonds he's made. Working with such a tight group all day, everyday, is a pleasure.

Proudest accomplishment: Frizzell said his proudest accomplishment was qualifying as a crew chief for the CH-46A.

Best advice received: "'Keep your mouth shut,' given to me by my father right before I left for (recruit training)."

Person whose lifestyle I'd like to emulate: He said he'd like his life to emulate that of Gen. Kushman, former commandant of the Marine Corps. "He was a positive leader with a great attitude."

Personal hero: Frizzell said his personal hero is Sgt. Maj. Kellog, former Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-265 sergeant major and Medal of Honor recipient. "(Kellog) was a good leader who loved the troops."

What do you miss most about being in the Marine Corps: He said, "I definitely miss the people. I miss the cameraderie and being able to count on the fact that someone is watching my back."

Personal motto: "Make the best of what you've got," Frizzell said. "Too many people complain about their lot in life. Sometimes you just need to take what you've got."



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Two CH-46E "Sea Knights" from Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-263, land at Camp Fenway, Iraq, Apr. 2, 2003 during a deployment with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. During the deployment, HMM-263 rejoined their parent command, Marine Aircraft Group-29 and based out of the occupied airfield in Jabala, worked exclusively in support of Task Force Tarawa - the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade (reinforced). Their mission included, but was not limited to, conducting troop lifts in support of ground operations by dropping off and picking up Marines in strategic locations, casualty evacuations and shuttling Marines back to the Nassau Amphibious Ready Group.

'Thunder Chickens' receive 2005 DON Safety Excellence Award

Lance Cpl. Brandon M. Gale
correspondent

Despite having cased its colors in June to begin its transition into the first operational tiltrotor squadron, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-263 was honored with the 2005 Department of the Navy Safety Excellence Award for an active duty Squadron at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. Oct. 4.

According to the citation, HMM-263 surpassed 10,600 mishap-free flying hours while serving as the reinforced aviation combat element for the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit in Iraq.

"The Marines and Sailors that made up HMM-263 (rein.) all had a responsibility to themselves and their squadron mates to be safe," said Lt. Col. Roy. A. Osborn, former HMM-263 commanding officer.

The award is especially meaningful because as a MEU ACE, the squadron was made up of more than three times the normal amount of personnel and twice the amount of aircraft, he said.

"10,000 mishap free hours is quite amazing," said Staff Sgt. Jonathan W. Hicks, HMM-263 mechanic. "It's nice to be recognized for the fact that we were able to accomplish our mission goals, keep everyone focused and do what needed to be done. We had a really amazing group of people with us."

A contributing factor to the success of the "Thunder Chickens" deployment, and perhaps one reason why the squadron won the award, was the example set for the young Marines by unit's experienced leaders, said Cpl. Dan L. Herman, HMM-263 crew chief.

"All the experienced people really helped us out," he said. "They showed us the right way to do things and made sure we knew how to do the maintenance correctly."

"I think with the long hours and all we had to accomplish over there, it was good to see that every shop in the squadron had the initiative to keep safety in mind the whole time," he added.

The squadron focused first and foremost on safety because safety was a fundamental requirement needed to succeed at all its assigned missions, said Osborn.

"Mission accomplishment was not an excuse for shortcuts, half measures or improper procedures," he said. "We lived, worked, flew and fought in a world of risk. Doing things right avoided having to accept a higher level of risk just to get the mission done."

H&HS, CNATT Marines clean New River

Lance Cpl. Jonathan A. Tabb
correspondent

Approximately 30 Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron and Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Marine volunteers participated in Operation Clean Sweep Oct. 6.

Clean Sweep, started three years ago by Station Environmental Affairs Department manager, Kirk Kropinack, takes place each year and is used to clean the New River shoreline.

"I think this year the Marines we have are doing a much better job than in the past," Kropinack said. "They're not afraid to do what they have to do in order to get the job done. Most of them were coming back soaked from the waste down."

"At first, I was a little apprehensive about the whole thing. Who wants to spend their day cleaning?" said Pvt. Xavier P. Nogra, CNATT student. "Now that it's done I realize it wasn't too bad, in fact, I had a great time. I am glad that I got to help make our home look better."



Lance Cpl. Jonathan A. Tabb

Pvt. Xavier P. Nogra (left) and Pfc. Christopher L. Arona, Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training students, remove a large piece of rusted metal from the New River shoreline during Operation Clean Sweep, Oct. 6. Nogra and Arona were two of about 30 volunteers present.

According to Staff Sgt. Andrew C. Wickenden, H&HS squadron gunnery sergeant, since the Station took part in a spring cleanup earlier in the year, nobody expected to find much.

"(The Marines) collected close to 40 bags of trash, over 50 pieces of lumber in various sizes and shapes, one crab pot, one tire and

various other items."

Kropinack said he believes those who volunteer for events like Operation Clean Sweep are making a difference, not only for today, but for the generations of tomorrow.

"Every effort to keep it clean ensures our kids and grandkids have a clean and healthy future," Kropinack said.

'Patriots' return from Iraq



Lance Cpl. Abel Cuervas, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-26 aviation ordnance technician, searches through the large pile of gear and seabags to collect his personal belongings during a return ceremony at the Family Team Building here, Oct. 12, at 8 a.m.

Cuervas, along with 16 other Marines, returned as part of an advanced party for the rest of the "Patriots" who they deployed with in February.

The Marines returned from an eight-month deployment to Al Asad Air Base, Iraq. Cuervas said his primary mission during his time in the desert was to build aviation ordnance for the squadrons in order to support the ground units.

Lance Cpl. Jonathan A. Tabb

MAG-26 surpasses 50,000 mishap-free, combat flight hours

Cpl. Cullen J. Tiernan
2d Marine Aircraft Wing

AL ASAD, Iraq -- Whether turning wrenches, loading ordnance, building airframes or flying combat missions, the Marines at Al Asad, Iraq, are building a record of excellence.

The more than 2,000 Marines in Marine Aircraft Group-26 have consistently had their aircraft ready to fly for more than seven months, surpassing 50,000 mishap-free, combat flight hours.

“Marines’ lives depend on our support,” said Col. David J. Mollahan, MAG-26 commanding officer. “Ranging from casualty evacuation to direct support alongside troops in combat, the Marines on the ground are getting all the aviation support they ask for.”

MAG-26 is capable of conducting all functions of Marine aviation, including offensive air support, assault support, electronic warfare, control of aircraft and missiles, and reconnaissance.

“You can’t achieve this without every Marine doing his or her part,” said Mollahan, a native of Ontario, Ore. “This wasn’t a goal we sought to achieve, it’s a result of us providing the support we were asked to provide.”

The Marines of MAG-26 achieved this milestone in less than eight months. Under combat conditions, they have flown more than they would in an entire year stateside.

“This achievement is unbelievable due to both the harsh climate and the general wear and tear on the airframes and engines,” said Master Sgt. Robert Wilke, MAG-26’s operations chief, and native of Chicago. “I’m in awe of the maintenance Marines keeping these birds flying under these conditions. It makes me proud to be a part of this team.”

Mollahan said it is no surprise his Marines are thriving in a combat environment. The Marines are simply doing what they are trained and prepared to do -- execute combat operations.

According to said Sgt. Zachary D. Germershausen, a crew chief with the Marine Light/Attack Helicopter Squadron-167 maintenance flightline division, the Marines are working very hard.

“We live for this,” he said. Mollahan said his Marines are highly motivated, know they are contributing to a good cause and feel good about the mission they’re accomplishing.

“From my experiences, talking

with the grunts who have had us fly in combat with them, they are pretty grateful,” said Germershausen, a native of Kent Island, Md. “The sound of our rotors flying over them gives them what I call a ‘warm fuzzy.’ Me personally, whenever I see a military aircraft in the air I feel a sense of protection.”

To provide that ‘warm fuzzy’ and feeling of protection, the Marines of MAG-26 are working long hours around a nonstop flight schedule.

Mollahan said the Marines in every squadron know they are doing a great amount of flying and they are all contributing to the overall effort.

“It’s our responsibility to make sure everything is correct and the bird is safe to fly,” said Cpl. Austin Melcher, a mechanic with HML/A-167. “We have to work on both the Huey and the Cobra and to do that, you have to be highly qualified. Marines are constantly teaching each other and learning new skills out here.”

Germershausen credits Melcher with thoroughly inspecting the AH-1W Super Cobras and UH-1 Hueys, with an especially sharp eye for finding cracks on the airframes.

“We operate in a high tempo environment,” said Germershausen. “We are maintaining high-quality work and accomplishing our mis-



Cpl. Cullen J. Tiernan

Lance Cpl. Adrian Simmons, a crew chief and mechanic with Marine Light/Attack Helicopter Squadron-167, takes a break from working on the engine of an AH-1W Super Cobra. The Havelock, N.C., native, as well as all the other Marines from Marine Aircraft Group-26, have surpassed 50,000 mishap-free combat flight hours at Al Asad Air Base, Iraq.

sion, providing the pilots with safe aircraft.”

Of the many things that could cause a mishap, the Marines of MAG-26 are simply not letting them happen and the pilots are able to accomplish their missions without making any mistakes of their own.

“We aren’t trying to achieve any flight hour goal,” said Mollahan. “We are trying to successfully accomplish every mis-

sion. All this number tells you, is that there has been a lot of activity, and there is a collective effort across the entire group to provide the support they have been asked to provide.”

Mollahan, however, accredits this accomplishment to the high quality of young people coming into the Marine Corps.

“As a commander, I’m proud of every single Marine,” said Mollahan.

“(I am proud of) the fact that everything they do has been a success. These are hard-working, good people becoming Marines, who believe in what we are doing here, who believe in what we do as a Corps, and in what the Corps is doing to protect our national defense.

“In my mind, every American ought to be equally proud of the (service members) who are participating in this mission.”

What will **you** donate to the Combined Federal Campaign?

DoD announces reimbursement

The Department of Defense announced today the issuance of policy and procedures for reimbursing members of the armed forces for privately purchased protective, safety or health equipment for Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom as required by Public Law 108-375, section 351.

According to this policy, the individual services shall reimburse members of the armed forces for the cost, including shipping, of any protective, safety or health equipment that was purchased by either the member or by another person for the member's personal use in these operations.

There are certain requirements for this reimbursement. First, the equipment must be included on a list of shortage equipment that certifies the items were critical to the protection, safety or health of its members. The Department of Defense has already certified a basic list that includes ballistic vests, components of ballistic vests, helmets, ballistic eye protection and hydration systems. The services can request that additional items be certified for reimbursement.

The service member must complete a Department of Defense Form 2902, "Claim for Reimbursement for Privately Purchased Protective, Safety or Health Equipment used in Combat" form, which must be submitted to his or her chain of command. Former members, who have separated from the service, may submit this form to an authorizing official designated by their former service at an address on the form. All claims must be submitted by Oct. 3, 2006. Forms will be available at www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/infomgt/forms/eforms/dd2902.pdf.

The protective, safety or health equipment must have been purchased after Sept. 10, 2001, and before Aug. 1, 2004. Congress may decide to extend this statutory deadline.

Reimbursement for any one item is limited to the actual purchase price and shipping cost, supported by receipts, which cannot exceed \$1,100. If service members do not have receipts, they will be reimbursed a standard estimated cost for each item, as provided on the list of certified items.

All reimbursed items become property of the U.S. government and must be turned in to the unit logistics officer or as otherwise directed by service instruction, unless they were destroyed in combat or are otherwise no longer available for good reason.

‘Gunrunners’ add GWOT battle streamer to unit colors

Pfc. Samuel D. White
correspondent

Marine Light/Attack Helicopter Squadron-269 was recognized Oct. 14 at their squadron hangar for efforts made in Iraq.

The ‘Gunrunners’ were awarded the Global War on Terrorism battle streamer, which they attached to their unit colors in a squadron formation held on their flightline.

“The (GWOT) streamer has been going out to all the units who participated in the war, but this unit

in particular has really committed a lot to the effort,” said Lt. Col. Scott Jensen, HML/A-269 commanding officer. “Our original (Marine Expeditionary Unit) was one of the first groups of people to go into Afghanistan just following the Sept. 11 attacks.”

After the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the ‘Gunrunners’ attached to Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-365 (Reinforced) with 26th MEU(Special Operations Capable) and flew over 400 combat missions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

In 2002 they also attached to HMM-263 (Rein) with the 24th MEU (SOC) flying in Kosovo, the Horn of Africa, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

It’s nice for the ‘Gunrunners’ to be recognized for the good work they’ve done because of the extensive man hours they’ve put in, said Maj. Charles T. Berry, an HML/A-269 AH-1W Super Cobra pilot.

“It creates a sense of pride, especially when you look at the number of streamers that adorn (HML/A-269),” Berry added.

In January of 2003, the ‘Gunrunners’ deployed as a squadron in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom again. They flew nearly 3,000 combat hours in 55 days and main-

tained 24-hour operations with no personnel losses.

They also delivered deadly fire on enemy positions protecting our Marines as they pressed towards Baghdad, Iraq.

“Everytime we went (overseas) we did an outstanding job, even though we were sometimes undermanned,” said Lance Cpl. Andy L. Vistrand, HML/A-269 crew chief.

An addition to the many streamers already attached, more can be expected from HML/A-269 in the near future, said Jensen.

“For us to have the (GWOT) on our battle standard is a big indicator of our involvement, but it also serves as a reminder to our young Marines about why they are making the sacrifices they are,” said Jensen. “They can explain (those sacrifices) now to their wives at the Marine Corps Birthday Ball when they see that streamer on there. (The streamer) matches and reflects the ribbons that are on their chest and that’s very important to the unit as a whole.”



Pfc. Samuel D. White

Marine Light/Attack Helicopter Squadron-269’s color guard presents the unit colors to Lt. Col. Scott S. Jensen, squadron commanding officer and Sgt. Maj. Carl H. Rodriguez, squadron sergeant major, for the addition of the Global War on Terrorism battle streamer. The squadron was recognized by the president for their efforts in Iraq from September 2001 to October 2005. While in Iraq, the ‘Gunrunners’ flew nearly 3,000 combat hours in 55 days, maintained 24-hour operations with no personnel losses, and delivered deadly fire on enemy positions to protect Marines.



Pfc. Samuel D. White

Lt. Col. Scott S. Jensen, Marine Light/Attack Helicopter Squadron-269 commanding officer and Sgt. Maj. Carl H. Rodriguez, the squadron sergeant major, attach the Global War on Terrorism battle streamer to their unit colors. The streamer was attached during a ceremony held Oct. 14.

ACTUS begins privatization initiative

MARINE CORPS BASE, CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. -- Actus Lend Lease, the nation's leader in creating superior public/private community developments, announced today the closing of Atlantic Marine Corps Communities LLC.

The closing marks the privatization of a portion of the homes at Marine Corps Installations Cherry Point, New River, Camp Lejeune, as well as all the homes at Stewart Terrace, which supports the Stewart Air National Guard Base.

The revitalization project was awarded by the Department of Navy under the Military Housing Privatization Initiative that has become a critical component in the effort to eliminate inadequate housing and foster a better quality of life for U.S. service members and

their families.

Actus Lend Lease will finance, develop, build, renovate and operate the site for 50 years.

More than \$429 million has been allocated for the initial 64-month development period that began Oct. 1.

Actus will build 1,288 new homes and renovate 1,626 existing homes for service members of all ranks.

In addition, 512 recently completed homes will become Actus' responsibility, for a total of 3,426 homes in this first phase.

Custom amenities include recreational trails, playgrounds and family-focused community centers.

Architecture firm JSA, of Portsmouth, N.H., has been tapped as the residential design firm of

record and Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., planning firm EDSA will execute the urban land planning.

The first new homes are slated to come on line by the fall of 2006.

"The initiation of this project allows us to move ahead with our Navy and Marine Corps partners to bring neighborhoods, homes and services that will vastly improve the quality of life for our service members and their families," said Mark Menhinnitt, president of Actus Lend Lease. "Actus, with eight MHPI projects to date, is experienced and successful in providing homes and communities that military families deserve and we look forward to serving the families of AMCC."

The Department of the Navy plans to complete privatization of

Family Housing at the Eastern North Carolina installations of Camp Lejeune, Cherry Point and New River in multiple phases.

In this first phase of development, more than 3,426 homes will be developed, restored or renovated. Roughly 2,748 of the homes will be located at Camp Lejeune.

As the largest Marine Corps base in the world, Camp Lejeune is home to 43,000 military members of the II Marine Expeditionary Force and its two primary components, 2d Marine Division and 2d Force Service Support Group.

Another 507 homes will be developed at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, home of the II MEF's 2d Marine Air Wing (MAW) and its fixed-wing aircraft. Approximately 9,000 Marines are stationed at Cherry Point. Stewart Terrace, located 60 miles north of New York City, in New Windsor N.Y., will see 171 homes privatized.

Actus Lend Lease has gained significant renown for its strong commitment to fostering environmental sustainability in all areas of development. In a recent project in Beaufort, South Carolina, several homes slated for demolition were instead relocated to surrounding communities in order to serve low-income families and non-profit organizations.

This move not only provided needed housing in the community, but resulted in eliminating what would have been 4,000 tons of building waste in area land-

fills.

Creating community solutions that are both sustainable and commercial isn't just a goal – it remains a singular mission of Actus Lend Lease.

Excelling at large, complex development projects, Actus Lend Lease works with institutional owners to create value and deliver exceptional returns.

With more than 30,000 residential units in its portfolio, Actus Lend Lease has created fully masterplanned mixed-use communities throughout the United States.

Actus, part of Lend Lease Communities, is a subsidiary of the Lend Lease global family, which includes Bovis, Actus and Delfin Lend Lease.

Global projects of note include: Army Hawaii Family Housing in Oahu, Hi., Greenwich Peninsula in London, AOL Time Warner Center in New York, The Sydney Olympic Village and New York's Grand Central Station Terminal.

Actus Lend Lease is headquartered in Nashville, Tenn., and employs more than 400 people nationwide.

For more information contact Hilary Lumpkin, ACTUS special projects coordinator at 1250 Western Blvd., #L2, PMB 109, Jacksonville, N.C., 28546.

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Osprey receives green light for full-rate production

Pfc. Samuel D. White
correspondent

Department of Defense officials cleared the MV-22 Osprey for full-rate production, leading New River Marines to expect several changes around the Station.

The decision was made by members of the Defense Acquisition Board in a meeting at the Pentagon, Sept. 28, ending an 18-year testing period for the aircraft.

The biggest affect the decision has made, would be the transition of aviation personnel into training to start the process to become the first tactical squadron, said Lt. Col. Christopher C. Seymour, Marine Tiltrotor Test and Evaluation Squadron-22 chief operations test director.

"The decision has also turned up the spigot on the factories so the Corps can receive the aircraft as fast as possible," Seymour added.

The Corps plans to order as many as 360 new aircraft, and New River can expect to see a majority of those numbers for a while, said Seymour.

"New River will receive all the new (Ospreys) for at least the next five to six years," Seymour added. "The numbers average that the Station will receive anywhere between nine to 13 (Ospreys) a year for the next three years and then it starts to go up after that to approximately 24 and then 36 aircraft a year."

With the new Ospreys expected on deck, the Station will receive several new squadrons to facilitate the aircraft's needs.

"Every six months after the completion of training for the first squadron, New River will create another tactical squadron," said Seymour. "The first squadron will be (Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron)-263, then (VMM)-162, and then (VMM)-266. A year and a half from now there will be three

V-22 tactical squadrons on the flight line in addition to the training squadron, (Marine Tiltrotor Maintenance Training Squadron)-204, and the test squadron, VMX."

In addition to the new squadrons will be new hangars and the remodeling of some of the current hangars.

"There are plans and money in place to rebuild the (VMX-22/VMMT-204) hangar, located where the old tower use to be. That hangar will be torn down and rebuilt within the next three to five years," said Seymour.

Along with the remodeling of the current hangars will be the addition of a new V-22 training building, a new barracks to house the V-22 students, and a fourth Osprey simulator added to the Marine Aircrew Training Systems Squadron.

"We have tens of millions of dollars in funding planned for the remodeling of New River," said Col. Stephen L. Forand, Station commanding officer.

"The Station currently has more dirt being pushed around (for remodeling) than any other base in the Marine Corps."

To meet all these changes, New River and the Osprey program will receive additional funds, Seymour explained.

"Some of the money will flow into facilities to make sure the hangars that house the Ospreys are upgraded," Seymour added. "Also, with the additional funds, we can expect to see the Osprey get more flight hours."

Some of the funds will also go towards



Sgt. Jose E. Guillen

An MV-22 Osprey conducts testing at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., as part of its final Operational Evaluation. The full-rate production of the Osprey was approved by the Department of Defense Sept. 28.

updates to the aircraft, which are still continuous here at New River.

"The Osprey is a spiral development program," Seymour explained. "We currently (operate) the first configuration, the Block-A V-22. In December we are scheduled to start using the next configuration, the Block-B, which will have several added features."

With final approval from the DoD, New

River can be proud because they have greatly contributed to the success of the Osprey, said Seymour.

"This is the green light that says (the Osprey) is no longer a tasked or experimental aircraft anymore," Seymour added. "We've convinced the leadership in the Marine Corps and the (DoD) that there will be value added to both the Corps and the United States because this aircraft is in use."

Station helps take a big ‘bite outta crime’

Pfc. Samuel D. White
correspondent

Joining hands in the fight against crime, Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C., along with the rest of the Nation are recognizing October as National Crime Prevention Month.

According to www.weprevent.org, the National Citizens’ Crime Prevention Campaign’s mascot, National Crime Prevention Month was started in an effort to raise awareness, stimulate community involvement, generate confidence in comprehensive crime prevention activities and provide a national focus and resource for crime prevention programs across the country.

“National Crime Prevention Month is a classic event the ‘Campaign’ has been doing for years,” said Tony Queen, North Carolina deputy director of the governor’s crime commission. “It’s a way each year to celebrate the positive things the campaigns have done and the fact that crime has been going down.”

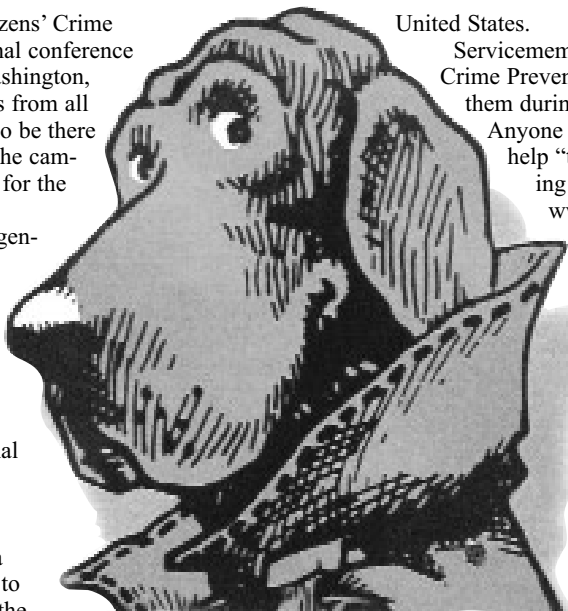
North Carolina has several things planned to recognize National Crime Prevention Month, Queen explained.

“The (governor’s crime commission office) has partici-

pated with the National Citizens’ Crime Prevention Campaign national conference every year in October in Washington, D.C.,” said Queen. “Offices from all over North Carolina will also be there with us to pick up on what the campaign is trying to get across for the new year.”

With the help of local agencies, McGruff and his little brother Scruff have been raising awareness all year on various topics for 25 years through television, radio and internet commercials.

According to the National Citizens’ Crime Prevention Campaign Web site, in 2001 McGruff and his team used \$56,573,700 worth of media donated advertisement time to raise awareness throughout the



United States.

Servicemembers can support the National Citizens’ Crime Prevention Campaigns efforts by donating to them during the Combined Federal Campaign.

Anyone ranging from young teens to adults can help “take a bite out of crime” by volunteering at a number of locations, all located at www.weprevent.org.

“National Crime Prevention Month has been a very successful campaign,” said Queen. “Volunteering and lending a hand will only continue to help bring down crime and we’ll see more of an impact it makes on the surrounding communities.”

“Any type of raising awareness is good,” said Cpl. Sean M. Ours, Military Police District, New River military policeman, “Any support in preventing or reporting crime is something that we always encourage.”

New River recognizes National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Leslie Slosky
contributor

In 2005, as in previous years, the Department of Defense has declared October as domestic violence awareness month. This is the month in which everyone should take special notice and “Take a Stand Against Domestic Violence”.

This last is the DoD theme for the month. What exactly is meant by taking a stand?

Taking a stand doesn’t need to be difficult, there is actually a great deal that the average person can do. Taking a stand can mean attending a vigil honoring those who have

died as a result of domestic violence. Taking a stand can mean donating to the local women’s center or volunteering as a victim advocate. The simple act of supporting a friend or family member as he or she struggles to break free of an abusive relationship is taking a stand. In short taking a stand is the act of refusing to accept domestic violence as a ‘family matter’ and stepping up to say so.

Don’t under estimate either the power of this last or its difficulty. It takes real courage to stand up to another and say, “I think you’re wrong here”.

Another way to take a stand is to educate oneself about domestic violence. Domestic violence is not a rare occurrence. It is something that not only effects the victim, but

everyone who knows them. Nearly everyone has their life touched by the effects of domestic violence at some time.

If you were fortunate enough to both grow up in and marry into a home without violence, you may still be touched by the problems of a neighbor or someone with whom you work. Your child may marry into a family where domestic violence has been a pattern.

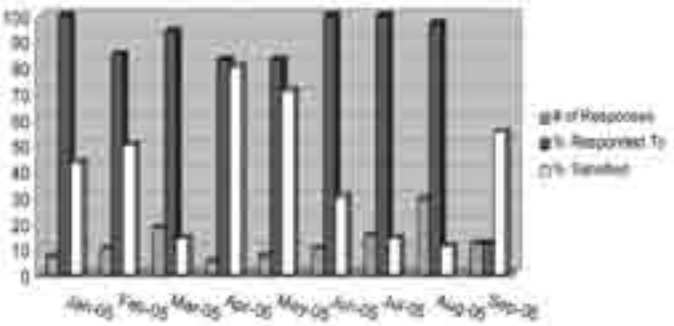
Approximately 85% of victims are women and research indicates that 4 million women are the victims of serious violence every year. As of September 2005, 805 incidents of domestic violence had been substantiated in a Marine family. Stopping the violence is not an easy task. Taking a stand against the lies and secrecy that protect abusers is not

easy, but it is important. Most important in the process of education is learning the early signs, the behaviors, attitudes, and beliefs that underlie domestic violence. Taking a stand against domestic violence means recognizing when a relationship is becoming abusive and taking steps toward developing healthy relationship A healthy relationship is one in which:

- * Partners respect and value each other and themselves.
- * Outside friendships are respected.
- * Boundaries and privacy are respected.
- * Feelings and opinions are respected.
- * Partners are secure and honest and respect each other’s freedom of choice

Taking a Stand against domestic violence means taking a stand for respect.

Station ICE statistics



The Interactive Consumer Evaluation is a Web-based tool that collects feedback on services provided by various organizations throughout the Department of Defense. Go to <https://ice.disa.mil>.

ROTOVIEW

Do you think Hollywood accurately portrays the military?



“Some movies yes, but there are others that put us in a bad light.”

1st Lt. Sean M. Hennessy, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-365, aviation maintenance officer, Kalispell, Mont.



“Not really because sometimes they make situations like war or combat look more laid back than what it is.”

Sgt. Ken B. Matthews, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-261, helicopter power plants mechanic, Parksley, Va.



“No, because Hollywood changes the appearance of the military to where it sells.”

Gunnery Sgt. Mike Warren, Marine Aircraft Group-29, airframe mechanic, Bennington, Va.

H&HS Marine serenades barracks with sounds of his ancestors

Lance Cpl. Jonathan A. Tabb
correspondent

William Wallace charges the battlefield alongside hundreds of his fellow countrymen, all fighting for their freedom from a tyrannical and oppressive king. As bloody battle ensues, amidst the chaos and disorder of war, a man marches through the lines playing an instrument easily recognizable for its Scottish/Irish roots – the bagpipe.

For the Marines of Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, their freedom has already been secured, yet the emotional sounds of the bagpipe still woo these weary warriors deploying to and returning from fighting tyranny overseas.

Lance Cpl. David J. Flaherty, H&HS tactical data network specialist and Erie, Pa., native, said he has been playing the bagpipe for about five years now.

“I started playing because I have always been proud of my Scottish and Irish heritage,” he said.

David’s family is a mix of Scottish and Irish – Scottish on his mother’s side and Irish on his father’s.

The O’Flaitheartaigh family, part of the Connacht of Galway clan, was a prominent family in Ireland.

“Galway was the largest of six provinces in Ireland. The capitol city was Connacht,” David explained.

He said in the early 1600’s, the O’Flaitheartaigh family sold half of their land to the Burke family who turned it into a military training camp.

“After they turned half of Galway into a military base, they attacked the O’Flaitheartaighs as part of a ‘training tool’ and killed most of them,” he said.

According to James L. Flaherty, David’s father, his son had expressed an interest in his heritage since he was very young.

“David would always ask questions about his ancestors. He was very inquisitive,” James explained.

David said he believes that his ability to learn an instrument is one of many qualities that directly attributes to being a Marine.

“To be able to play an instrument well you have to practice often, without being told and even when you don’t really feel like doing it,” he said.

“It’s like when I know I need to work on my (physical fitness test) score: I have to work out on my own, after hours, even when I really don’t feel up to doing it. It takes dedication.”



Lance Cpl. Jonathan A. Tabb

Lance Cpl. David J. Flaherty, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron tactical data network specialist, plays his bagpipes outside of the H&HS barracks, Oct. 13.

When he was in high school he used to play at least three to four hours per day and compete in competitions. Nowadays, however, David said he just likes to play for fun.

“I used to compete throughout

Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York and Canada. I don’t really have the time for that now,” he explained.

Flaherty may not be charging bloody battlefields with bagpipes in hand, but he does his part to support his fellow Marines.

Book Review: ‘Dispatches’

Lance Cpl. Brandon M. Gale
correspondent

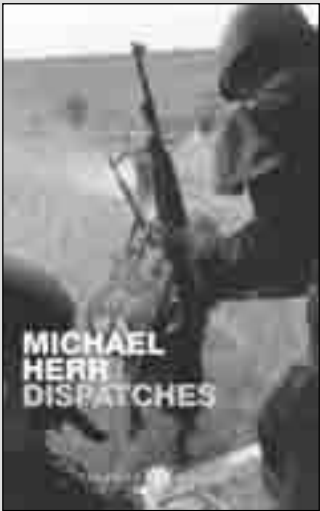
“Dispatches,” novelist Michael Herr’s account of his time as a journalist in Vietnam from 1967-69, is a fast-paced, unsettling and darkly humorous look at the people he met and the strange things he witnessed during this unstable time in American history.

Herr’s style of writing is frantic, jumping from one thought to another, sometimes within the same sentence. It takes time to get accustomed to, but it captures perfectly the frenzied atmosphere Herr experienced.

The effect is like a flood of memories, each one connected in some abstract way, the links of a chain totaling a complete picture. He tells his story in the same way people write in their own personal journals.

The book begins in the middle of one of these random episodes. There is no setup, no introduction. The reader is dropped into the story without a compass and with no bearing; the feeling created is as though you entered a conversation after it had begun.

Herr seems to be more interested in feelings and emotions than with questions and answers. The servicemembers and civilians he encounters do not ques-



courtesy photo

Michael Herr’s “Dispatches” is a first-hand account of life as a journalist in Vietnam.

tion the political motives behind the war or other worldly affairs; they are simply trying to keep their bodies alive and minds intact.

Herr’s stream of conscience writing is perfectly suited to the hallucinatory nature of that terrible war, a war unlike any other our nation has fought in.

“Dispatches” was published in 1977 and was called the best book to have been written about the Vietnam War, by The New York Times.

It is a tough book to read, full of doom and paranoia, but certainly well worth the effort.

Hey, Marine, sleeves down Oct. 31!



National Archives drawing

The legendary birthplace of the Marine Corps was Tun Tavern, a favorite meeting place in 18th century Philadelphia. The tavern, and its use as a recruiting Station, like other historical and important events in Marine Corps lore, has become the subject of motivation and inspiration. Adhering to the standards set by the Marines that came before is the only true way to ensure that the values of honor, courage and commitment survive. Helping to properly motivate the Marines around you is key, while falsely motivating others leads to a lack of mission accomplishment.

False motivation is no motivation

Lance Cpl. Jeffrey A. Cosola
correspondent

“Tun Tavern! Semper Fi, war-dog! Hard-charger! Animal! Devil dog! Er! Yut!”

Motivation peppers the daily lives of Marines at the cyclic rate. There is no such thing as cover and concealment when your fellow Belleau woodsmen send a few “ooh-rah’s” down-range. It’s become as much a part of being a Marine as field day, police calls and the never-ending safety brief.

Motivation appears first on the drill field and sets-up shop inside the concrete funhouses of boot camp. Drill Instructors, red-faced and screaming, deal out a series of inspired, nonsensical butt-chewings that double as motivation. As training progresses and recruits are made aware of their filthy existence, their motivation is dealt out in more user-friendly butt-chewings.

By the third phase, recruits run faster and jump higher - due mostly to having nothing to sit on. But true and proper motivation is a staple of being a Marine. Leathernecks work together as a team to overcome hardships that, deep down in

places people don’t like to talk about at parties, a squad of motivators can accomplish any task, no matter the odds.

Yet, the power of motivation has recently been used for evil rather than good. Marines will use the phrases and words good men and women have spent a lifetime earning, such as “devil dog,” to belittle their brothers-in-arms. When a sergeant major or commander addresses their troops, when they search for collective acknowledgement that their Marines are still alive after a good hour of “passing the word”, they’re met with a chorus of half-hearted “errrr’s.”

It’s understood that it’s a Marine’s ancient right to grumble about their lot in life, but to falsely motivate each other is wrong. Marines are “warriors” and it means a lot to some to be told in a single word or statement that your comrades are there, that you’re together and that you have each other’s backs.

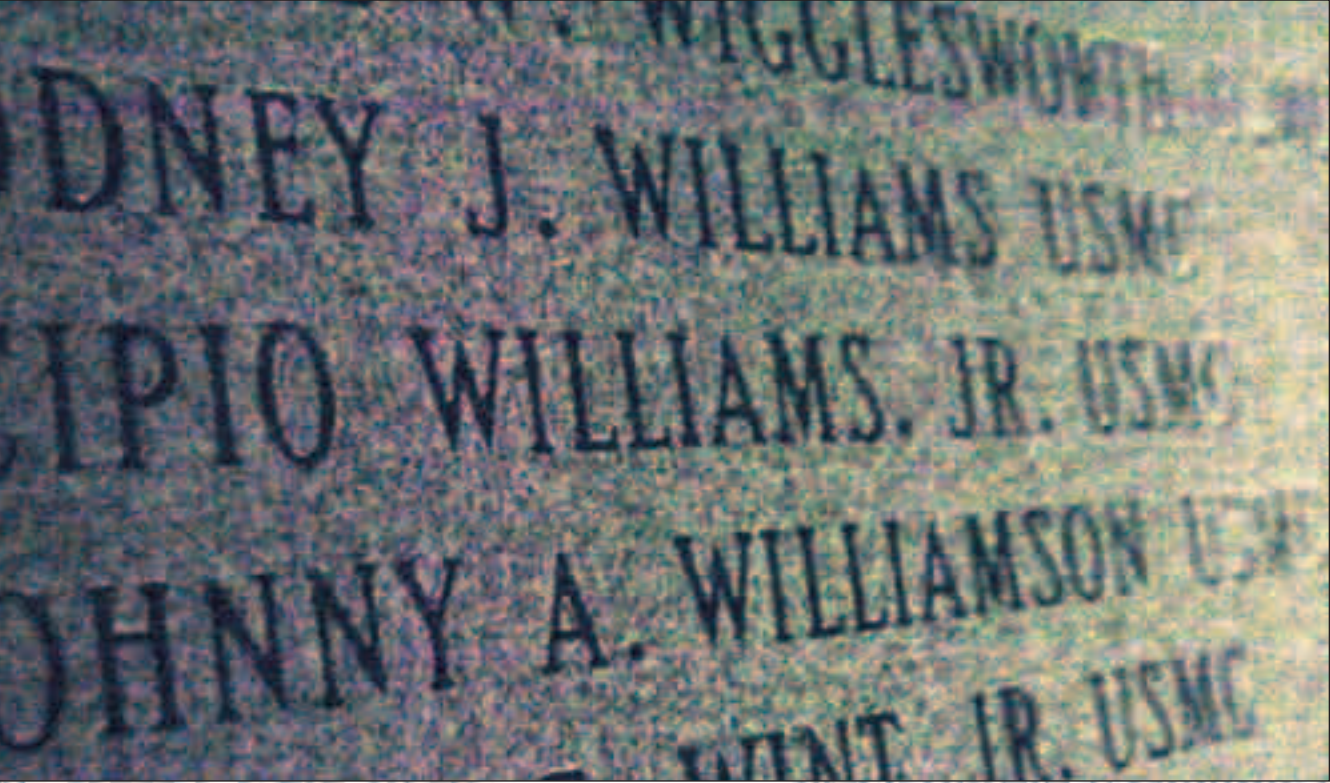
True motivation is a powerful tool, one not to be taken lightly. Marines should remember to wield it well, fight with one another rather than against each other and drop a well placed “ooh-rah!” when the occasion calls.

Brothers-in-arms: 'They came in peace'



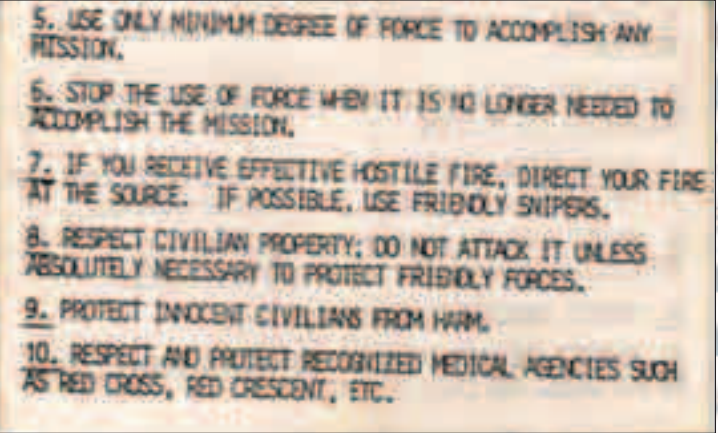
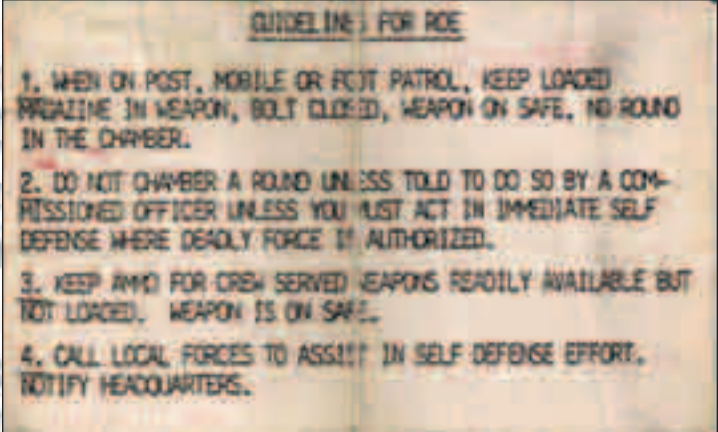
Sgt. Wayne Campbell

According to www.beirut-memorial.org, the origin of the words, "they came in peace" that now adorn part of the Beirut Memorial in Jacksonville, N.C. came from a stretcher that had been planted into the ground and decorated with a small white sign that reads, "24 MAU: They came in peace."



Sgt. Wayne Campbell

The names of 273 servicemembers who lost their lives while serving in Beirut are inscribed in stone at the Beirut Memorial in Jacksonville, N.C. In addition to the names of those who died in Beirut and those who have died since of injuries from that blast, there are the names of three Marine pilots from our community who were killed in Grenada.



(Above) Pictured above are the front and back side of the actual rules of engagement cards that Marines carried while serving in Beirut, Lebanon in Oct. 1983. According to the official Department of Defense report about the Oct. 23 bombing of the 1st Battalion, 8th Marines Barracks, the lone terrorist truck driver at approximately 6:22 a.m. accelerated through the public parking lot south of the BLT headquarters building, where it exploded. The truck drove over the barbed and concertina wire obstacle, passed between two Marine guard posts without being engaged by fire, entered an open gate, passed around one sewer pipe barrier and between two others, flattened the Sergeant of the Guard's sandbagged booth at the building's entrance, penetrated the lobby of the building and detonated while the majority of the occupants slept. The force of the explosion [12,000 pounds of hexogen] ripped the building from its foundation. The building then imploded upon itself. Almost all the occupants were crushed or trapped inside the wreckage.

The 241 Marines and Sailors that met their end that day were a part of a coalition of forces that were in Lebanon to "provide a presence in Beirut, that would in turn help establish the stability necessary for the Lebanese government to regain control of their capital." According to retired Major Robert T. Jordan, after the bombing of the barracks, the Marines in Beirut were not defeated and would have continued their mission to the end.

Lance Cpl. Jeffrey A. Cosola
correspondent

*These mist covered mountains
Are a home now for me
But my home is the lowlands
And always will be
Some day you'll return to
Your valleys and your farms
And you'll no longer burn
To be brothers-in-arms*

They were more than names once. They were our fathers and husbands, our friends and sons. They were asked by their nation to stand a post in the center of a religious hellstorm they didn't understand. They were Marines and they came in peace.

At approximately 6:22 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 23, 1983 in Beirut, Lebanon, a lone terrorist driving a yellow Mercedes-Benz stake-bed truck loaded with explosives, accelerated through the public parking lot south of the 24th Marine Amphibious Unit Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion, 8th Marines headquarters building and penetrated into the lobby of the barracks there.

According to the official Department of Defense commission report, the force of the explosion [12,000 pounds of hexogen] ripped the building from its foundation. The building then imploded upon itself and almost all of the occupants were crushed or trapped inside the wreckage.

"It was one of the largest noises I've ever heard in my entire career," said retired Marine Major Robert T. Jordan, the 24th MAU Public Affairs Officer at the time of the bombing. Jordan was in his rack in an adjacent building when the explosion split the still morning air and showered him with glass and pulverized concrete.

Recovering his senses, Jordan made his way into his press tent to find his Marines and located Press Chief Staff Sgt. Randy Geddo, who had been "blown out of his seat." "He looked at me with these big, round eyes and said, 'Sir, the BLT is gone.'"

"I crested a hill and looked down into the ground below and it was filled with debris," remembered Jordan. "All that was left of the 5-ton truck was a 40 foot by 30 foot deep crater and a crank case in the bottom."

*Through these fields of destruction
Baptisms of fire
I've watched all your suffering
As the battles raged higher
And though they did hurt me so bad
In the fear and alarm
You did not desert me
My brothers-in-arms*

Inside a tomb of twisted rebar, broken glass and slabs of concrete, hundreds of Marines, Sailors and Soldiers were fighting for their next breath. One of those was a 19-year old corporal who went from

deciding what to have for breakfast to playing a starring role in his own nightmare.

"When the bomb exploded, there we're no words to explain how loud it was," said Master Gunnery Sgt. John Nash, 3rd Marine Division communications chief. "Everybody was buried. Cement, wood, everything was laying on top of us."

Nash was one of the few trapped inside who was able to dig themselves out of the rubble. He escaped through the screams of pain, the calls for help and the panic of dying men. He did what he could to save the Marines around him.

"You're thinking, 'Who are we going to find next? Who is still alive? Why would anyone do something this devastating?' We went there as peace-keepers. When we left, we left as victims," said Nash.

Outside, Jordan was among the Marines who rushed to their fellow servicemembers. They did the best they could to save lives, but the day's horrors seemed endless, said Jordan.

"We went into the debris and there were two Marines sitting side by side and they looked in shock," said Jordan. "They were covered with dust and they were moaning. We couldn't see any obvious wounds, so I reached down and grabbed one of them and my hand went into a huge hole in his back.

"At the end of the day, back at the press tent I walked in and heard someone call out, 'Oh my God, he's covered in blood. The blood had saturated my utilities. I looked up and replied, 'Don't worry, it's not mine.'"

In the fading velvet light of the setting sun, at the back of a headquarters building, Jordan started to cry. He explained, "I couldn't hold it in any longer."

*Now the sun's gone to hell
And the moon's riding high
Let me bid you farewell
Every man has to die
But it's written in the starlight
And every line on your palm
We're fools to make war
On our brothers-in-arms*

There is nothing left now but the memories of 241 Marines and Sailors who gave their lives, the first casualties in the Global War on Terrorism.

"Our first duty is to remember, to acknowledge their sacrifice," said Jordan. "There are a lot of men with stories similar to mine. They need to be recognized."

"We can learn a great deal from our past," added Nash. "This is our history. We must never forget the sacrifices that these 241 Marines and Sailors gave that terrible Sunday morning. They are all heroes and should always be remembered."

Their names are now etched in stone. They are our brothers in arms and they died so that others know what freedom gives and what it takes. They did their duty. They were Marines. They came in peace.

Editor's note: The lyrics used in this song were taken from Dire Straits' 1985 song "Brothers-in-arms."



Sgt. Wayne Campbell

The statute depicting a Marine standing guard sits between two walls designed to illustrate the crumbled walls of the Marine barracks after the bombing on Oct. 23, 1983. The creator, Abbe Godwin, also created the North Carolina Vietnam Memorial in Raleigh, N.C. The total cost of the sculpture was \$60,000 and as dedicated Oct. 22, 1988 - five years after the



Cpl. Cullen J. Tiernan

As Marines put the final touches on the first big top, Cpl. Terence Carter, one of the combat engineers from Marine Wing Support Squadron-272, and native of New Bern, N.C., nails down angle bars to the base of the second big top to help combat the electrical problems created by dust.

Herculean effort builds big tops

Cpl. Cullen J. Tiernan
2d Marine Aircraft Group

AL ASAD, Iraq -- Sand storms, unrelenting sunlight and the constant flow of dust can wreak havoc on the electrical parts of an aircraft's engine.

To combat this problem, Marines from Marine Aerial Refueler and Transport Squadron-252 and Marine Wing Support Squadron-272 have begun to build three big top shelters to safely store their KC-130J Hercules at Al Asad, Iraq.

"There is definitely a sense of accomplishment building these," said Pvt. Joel Good, VMGR-252, avionics electrician, and native of Rosemund, Calif. He is one of 10 Marines from the squadron working on the project. "I've enjoyed the good, hard work. These big tops will provide protection for our birds. You don't want dust getting in the engines."

MWSS-272 is providing two combat engineers, as well as the heavy equipment needed to build the big tops.

"The combat engineers are showing these Marines how to build," said Staff Sgt. Scott Howe, MWSS-272 project foreman, and native of Oxford, Maine. "We are two weeks into the building, and everything is running smoothly. It took us a little while to find all the parts, but we

are good to go now, and we have everything we need."

Master Sgt. James M. Hunter, the fixed wing and rotary maintenance chief for 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Fwd), has been involved with the project since its initial stages in March.

He said the requirement was based on the fact that temperatures in this area are extremely hot and the glass cockpit of the KC-130J makes it even hotter.

"We are already ahead of our original time schedule," said Hunter, a native of West Palm Beach, Fla. "This is mainly due to the Marines from VMGR-252, and the work ethic these young Marines have. They are building the first big tops for KC-130Js in the entire Marine Corps, and they are doing an outstanding job."

One of the most difficult tasks the Marines tackle is drilling into the concrete, said Howe. There are 28 uprights per big top and each upright requires eight anchor bolts drilled into the concrete on the flightline.

Howe said he is impressed with the work the Marines are doing, especially since the Marines from VMGR-252 are adapting from their regular flightline duties to become construction workers.

"It's a different challenge than working on

planes," said Lance Cpl. James Preston, an airframes mechanic with VMGR-252 turned construction worker. "Some days, we bust our (rears). Putting the tarps on, getting them clapped onto the metal, it's all really hard to do when the rubber gets hot and sticks to the metal, it just doesn't move."

Although Preston, a native of Franklin County, Va., said he never thought he would be doing construction work in Iraq, he said he knows the big tops will provide protection for his squadrons' birds and is glad they are doing it.

"These are hard, motivated workers," said Cpl. Terence Carter, a combat engineer from MWSS-272 working on the big tops, and native of New Bern, N.C. "This is my first time doing construction of this size and it has been a good experience. I'm eager to see the outcome of this project."

"This is the first time we have taken aircraft mechanics and turned them into major construction builders, and we're doing it with great success," said Hunter. "I have been around aviation Marines for more than 23 years and each year they show me a new side and prove there is nothing we can't do, from putting birds in the sky to now putting hangars in the sky. I am proud to be part of this project."

U.S. reps. visit Al Asad

Cpl. Micah Snead
2d Marine Aircraft Group

AL ASAD, Iraq -- A delegation of U.S. House of Representative members and staff visited 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing personnel here, Oct. 10.

The group of six came to Al Asad to get a firsthand view of the Marine Corps' Aviation Combat Element and to spend time with the servicemembers behind the scenes.

The congressmen from Connecticut, Massachusetts, North Dakota, New York, Wisconsin and American Samoa were briefed on 2nd MAW's ongoing operations by the Wing's forward commanding general, Brig. Gen. Robert E. Milstead. The group also visited Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-266 and Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron-1.

For American Samoa Congressman Eni Faleomavaega, the visit with the "Fighting Griffins" included a familiar sight.

"I remember these helicopters (the CH-46 Sea Knight) very well," the former Army Soldier and Vietnam veteran said. "It's amazing to see them in such good condition. They are wonderful aircraft that have served well over the years; it's good to see Marines taking care of them."

The visit was a good opportunity for the Marines to see their elected officials in Washington, D. C., are involved and paying attention to OIF, said Lt. Col. Joseph E. George, commanding officer of HMM-266.

Being face to face with the Marines behind the scenes also gave the congressmen a chance to connect mission hours and objectives with regular, hard-working Marines, George said.

"I believe that it helps the Marines to know the story of how hard they are working is now clear to our country's decision makers," George said. "During the month of September, HMM-266 flew 930 hours. That rate represents 300 percent of what the normal rate is for a CH-46 squadron of 12 aircraft. The representatives took note of that and that such accomplishments are the result of diligent and tireless young mechanics and dedicated aircrew (doing their jobs and making the best of) their experiences during the deployment."

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New River, Cherry Point SMP V-Ball teams compete



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HEADS UP!



Lance Cpl. Brandon M. Gale

Corporal Bret A. Beehler, Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training legal chief, spikes the ball during the New River versus Cherry Point Single Marine Program volleyball tournament Oct. 15. The tournament began about 10:30 a.m. and ended at 12 p.m. The game was an opportunity for single Marines from both Stations to get together for recreation and to plan possible upcoming events. The two teams played four games, with each team winning two games each.

Marine vet Lloyd Wells did a lot for football, boxing

Lloyd Wells, a man who loved athletics, especially the black athlete, died in Houston. He accomplished a number of firsts during his nearly 80 years of life. He was a member of the first football team at Texas Southern University.

He was the first black to be a full-time scout with the Kansas City Chiefs in the American Football League in the 1960s. He was one of the first blacks to present all-star football and basketball games featuring black youth who couldn't participate in other such games because of the color of their skin, the Black Athlete Sports Network reported. That happened in 1950s and 1960s in Texas.

He also worked a sports reporter for the Houston Informer and Houston Forward Times newspapers. He also had a photography businesses in Houston for five decades.

And during the 1970s, he worked for Muhammad Ali during his reign as "The

Greatest". He would do the same for boxing champ Tommy "Hitman" Hearns in the 1980s. And George Foreman employed Wells as a member of his publicity team when he fought in Tokyo in 1996.

The Marine sergeant who fought in WW II and Korea loved sports. He loved watching great athletes. Some of his most enjoyable moments were in sporting arenas and stadiums.

Wells was always fighting for black athletes and was in other fights. Through his columns in black newspapers in the early 1960s, he wrote of segregated seating at Houston Oilers football games. His efforts eventually led the Oilers to drop such practices, said the Black Athlete Sports Network .

In the early 1960s, he developed relationships with several athletes that would be life-lasting. One was with Otis Taylor. The great wide receiver would lead the Kansas City Chiefs to a Super Bowl win

over Minnesota in 1969.

During the early 1960s the American Football League and the National Football League were at war for players and fans. Before they merged, Wells would prove to be one of the most valuable men in the battles, the Black Athlete Sports Network said.

His legacy was getting many of the top black players to sign with the Kansas City Chiefs and the AFL. The Dallas Cowboys thought they were about to line Taylor up with Bob Hayes as their receiving duo. But in steps, Wells and Taylor joined Kansas City. During his tenure as a scout with the Chiefs, Wells signed many all-pro and future Hall of Famers.

"Lloyd was one of the main reasons we were in the first Super Bowl and won the fourth one," the late Hank Stram, the head football of the team in that era, said many times. "He was out of sight. Without him we don't make it."

Editor's note: Gunn is a member of the Marine Corps Combat Correspondents Assn., 2nd Marine Division Assn., Marine Corps Intelligence Assn., Marine Corps Aviation Assn., Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, Marine Corps League, Naval Aviation Museum Foundation and LST-325. He also is author of two 1992 Marine football books, "The Old Core" and "(Quite) A Few Good Men."



22nd MEU wraps up Certification Exercise

Gunnery Sgt. Keith A. Milks

II MEF Correspondent

Using both land and sea-based forces, the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit recently launched raids against 'terrorist' strongholds aboard and near Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Simultaneous raids were the culminating event of the MEU's final pre-deployment training exercise, and the last hurdle standing between the MEU and its designation as 'Special Operations Capable.'

The MEU kicked off its Certification Exercise on Sept. 21, an evolution the unit's commanding officer described to a Navy journalist as a graduation exercise for both his Marines and the Sailors manning the ships with which the MEU will deploy.

"This is a great opportunity for us and our Navy partners to bring it all together," said Col. Kenneth F. McKenzie Jr. shortly after CERTEX began. "We'll put the finishing touches on our training and prepare to deploy.

During the exercise's two-plus weeks, the 2,200 Marines and Sailors of the 22nd MEU executed a series of missions they may undertake during the unit's deployment.

Among these tasks were an embassy reinforcement, response to a mass casualty situation, and a noncombatant evacuation operation, and helicopter, mechanized, and motorized raids, among other missions.

The MEU's combat service support element, MEU Service Support Group-22, established a forward operating base aboard Camp Lejeune early in CERTEX, and forces were continually pushed ashore to strengthen the MEU's presence there. The MEU Command Element and its aviation combat element, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-261 (Reinforced) remained aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Nassau to use it as a command and control hub and sea-based airfield.

Marines from II Marine Expeditionary Force and Expeditionary Warfare Training Group Atlantic were on hand throughout the exercise to evaluate the MEU to the II MEF commanding general, Lt. Gen. James F. Amos. It would be up to Amos to determine whether or not the MEU rates the 'SOC' designation.

For more information on the 22nd MEU, visit the unit's web site at <http://www.22meu.usmc.mil>.

Reconciliation: God's One Item Agenda

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I learned that almost everyone in life has an agenda. It is important to have a good agenda. For some people their agenda is to make money, for others it is to acquire fame. Some people seek knowledge as their agenda. Sadly, many people have very evil agendas in this life. It is easy to see who doesn't have an agenda. A person without an agenda is like a ship without a rudder, helplessly being thrown about by the wind and waves with no sense of direction.

God also has an agenda of His own, which is "reconciliation." Reconciliation is a big word that can be hard to define. The best example is in terms of a marriage. If a married couple is having problems and they can't seem to fix it, they call in a third who brings the couple back together. A third party (a counselor) is needed when communication has broken down.

In the beginning, Adam and Eve, the first two people had a direct connection to God, but lost it due to sin. They had a perfect relationship with God until sin entered the world. When our relationship with God broke down we needed a third party to bring us back into a right relationship with God. That third party is

Christ. Christ is the one who reconciles us to God and brings us back into a right relationship with God.

God wants to reconcile all people to himself to live in a right relationship with him and each other. Whether you know it or not you have a relationship with everyone on Earth. There are only five classes of relationships: stranger, friend, family, enemy, and acquaintance. Everyone on Earth fits into one of these categories for you and it is important to have a right relationship with all people in order to have a right relationship with God.

You might ask, "how do I have a right relationship with a stranger?" Simple, don't exploit them, don't ignore their needs, and don't ignore their rights.

You might ask, "how can I have a right relationship with an enemy?" It can be done. In fact, in some situations it must be done. If someone is unrepentant and has chosen a life of evil, the only right relationship to be in with them is to be their enemy. You can't be their friend and still have a right relationship with God.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said we have two relationships in life. One is horizontal and the other is vertical and isn't it a funny coincidence that they form a cross. Our relationship with other people should be a horizontal relationship because we are all equal, no man above another. Our relationship with God is vertical with God above us. When these two relationships are right it forms a cross with Christ

in the middle.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu said, "All people are connected. What I do to you, I do to myself. If I am good to you, I am good to myself. If I am bad to you, I am bad to myself. When a man murders another man, he kills a part of himself. When one person injures another person they injure his/herself. When a man steals from another man, he robs himself of something."

In Jewish/Hebrew religion they have a day of Atonement called Yom Kippur. This is when you make atonement to God for all the sins you committed the whole year. But the interesting thing is that the day before Yom Kippur is also a holy day. It is the day that you set aside to make atonement with Man. You see, the Jews knew that before you can be right with God you must be right with people.

That is why Jesus said, "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother, then come and offer your gift." (Matthew 5:23-24)

In Christ's ministry and mission on Earth, it was his goal to bring all people into a right relationship with God and one another. Christ was acting as an ambassador to the Father. Now, in Christ's absence, we take on his ministry of reconciliation. It is now our duty to live in

right relationships with others and to teach others to live in a right relationship with God.

The Bible teaches us, "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us." (II Corinthians 5:20).

An ambassador has a tremendous responsibility. The U.S. has many ambassadors; one for every country on Earth. They speak on behalf of the President. They say exactly what the President would say if he were there personally. The President of the United States can't be everywhere at once so he appoints ambassadors to inform all the nations of the world what his policies are. Likewise, God has appointed us to be His ambassadors and to tell everyone on Earth what his will is.

If we have the job of speaking as ambassador of God we had better know what his policies are. We had better know where God stands on the important issues in life and the only way to know is to read God's word. The Bible is like God's constitution, bill of rights and foreign policy all put together. It is all designed to make us capable of being reconciled to God and reconciling others to God as well. Since Christ was the great reconciler, who made it possible for the entire world to be in a right relationship with God, it is our job now to do the same.

God's only agenda is reconciliation with the entire world. What is your agenda?

Safety Snippets: Halloween

(Halloween) Safety

- Tips:**
- * Young children of any age should be accompanied by an adult.
 - * Use the sidewalks and always cross at corners.
 - * Carry a flashlight to light your way.
 - * Make sure you can walk easily in your costume with no parts of it dragging on the ground.
 - * Only knock on doors of houses that are lit.
 - * Have children bring their treats home for inspection prior to consuming.
- HOMEOWNERS**
- * Make sure your yard is clear of obstacles.
 - * Put your pets away.
 - * If you use candles in your yard decorations, place them well away from children.

Memorial Chapel services

Sunday Services
Catholic 9 a.m.
Protestant 11 a.m.

For more information, call the Memorial Chapel at 449-6801.

Clergy Day: Local church officials and Station chaplains share knowledge



Lance Cpl. Brandon M. Gale

Major Todd R. Schiro, Marine Medium Tiltrotor Training Squadron-204, Osprey pilot, gives a tour of the Osprey hangar to a group of local church officials and Station chaplains. To reach out to members of the local religious community, the Station's chaplains hosted the first Clergy Day Oct. 14. The day included breakfast at the Station Dining Facility, a presentation explaining the significance of the Aviation Combat Element of a Marine Air Ground Task Force and a tour of the Osprey hangar.

History of Red Ribbon Week

Help fight for a drug free military and civilian community by supporting Red Ribbon Week Oct. 23 to 31 aboard New River.

Enrique "Kiki" Camarena grew up in a dirt-floored house with hopes and dreams of making a difference.

Camarena worked his way through college, served in the Marines, became a police officer and eventually signed up to work with Drug Enforcement Administration.

The DEA sent Camarena to work undercover in Mexico investigating a major drug cartel believed to include officers in the Mexican army, police and government.

On Feb. 7, 1985, the 37-year-old Camarena left his office to meet his wife for lunch. Five men appeared at the agent's side and shoved him in a car.

One month later, Camarena's body was found in a shallow grave. He had been tortured to death.

In honor of Camarena's memory and his battle against illegal drugs, friends and neighbors began to wear red badges of satin.

Parents, sick of the destruction of alcohol and other drugs, had begun forming coalitions. Some of these new coalitions took Camarena as their model and embraced his belief that one person can make a difference.

These coalitions also adopted the symbol of Camarena's memory, the red ribbon.

The National Family Partnership organized the first Nationwide Red Ribbon Campaign in 1988. Since that time, the campaign has reached millions of U.S. children

Get on my footprints right now!



Congratulations!
Staff Sgt. Brian & Michelle Sulser
on their new Devil pup
Alanna Nicole
Sept. 29, 2005
Welcome to New River!

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Congratulations!
Staff Sgt. Darian & Francine Hines
on their new Devil pup
Kaleb Darian
Sept. 26, 2005
Welcome to New River!

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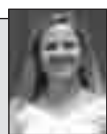


Congratulations!
Staff Sgts. Janet and Shawn Angell
on their new Devil pup
Kimberly Joy
Sept. 26, 2005
Welcome to New River!

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Congratulations!
Lance Cpl. Danielle & Sgt. Matthew
Gomez on their new Devil pup
Madison Angelita
Sept. 18, 2005
Welcome to New River!



Jennifer Moore
contributor

Carolina living: Out in town *Homecoming art*

The idea was simple – a military-related piece of art that could raise money for Marine Corps and Navy families.

Two years later, that simple idea has come to fruition as a series of four paintings based on Marines and sailors returning from deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan, created by Emerald Isle-based artist Marsha Mills.

The first two pieces, painted from the families' perspective, are on sale now through the Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station New River Officers' Wives' Clubs.

The next two paintings will depict the reunions from the Marines' and sailors' perspective.

Mills – the official watercolor artist for the Wright Brothers Centennial Celebration – said she couldn't say no to a project that will benefit military families.

Mills worked with the officers' wives' clubs to determine the subject of the paintings, in order to create a piece of art that could be displayed in a family room or living room – not just a "war room."

The first painting, "At Last," shows families welcoming home a convoy of buses and seven-tones.

The second, "All's Well," depicts the return of a helicopter squadron.

But the people in the paintings are not simply figments of Mills' imagination.

She gathered about 150 photographs from Marine and Navy families around the world and

incorporated elements from the pictures into her artwork.

"The people in these paintings are real people, they all have stories," she said.

The signs, like "My daughter is a hero," "Yes, I will marry you" and "My love, my life, my hero" are all real.

The sailor holding his newborn baby is real – his wife found out she was pregnant shortly after he deployed and went through the entire pregnancy while he was away.

The stories and the pictures Mills received from families were emotional for her, and she said her emotions told her which people and stories to include in the paintings.

"My husband would always know what I had been doing, I would come upstairs crying," she said. "There were some real exciting and tear-jerking moments."

Veterans Affairs asked Mills to continue the series, and she said she will paint two for each additional branch of the military.

Limited edition prints of the first two paintings are available now through mid-December from the Camp Lejeune and MCAS New River Officers' Wives' Clubs. Each print is numbered and signed by the artist, and only 1,000 of each are available. Large prints are \$240 and small are \$150. Order forms are available at the Officers' Club or by e-mailing owcartproject@aol.com.

Proceeds benefit the OWC Charitable Distribution Fund, Semper Fi and Project CARE.

Station Theater Movies Oct. 19 - Nov. 2

Wed. Oct. 19	9 a.m.	40 Year Old Virgin	R
	7 p.m.	40 Year Old Virgin	R
Fri. Oct. 21	7 p.m.	The Man	PG-13
	9:30 p.m.	Brothers Grimm	PG-13
Sat. Oct. 22	7 p.m.	The Man	PG-13
	9:30 p.m.	Transporter 2	PG-13
Sun. Oct. 23	3 p.m.	Brothers Grimm	PG-13
	6 p.m.	Transporter 2	PG-13
Mon. Oct. 24	7 p.m.	Transporter 2	PG-13
Wed. Oct. 26	9 a.m.	The Man	PG-13
	7 p.m.	Constant Gardener	R
Fri. Oct. 28	7 p.m.	Supercross	R
	9:30 p.m.	The Exorcism of Emily Rose	R
Sat. Oct. 29	7 p.m.	Supercross	R
	9:30 p.m.	Emily Rose	R
Sun. Oct. 30	3 p.m.	Constant Gardener	R
	6 p.m.	Supercross	R
Mon. Oct. 31	7 p.m.	Emily Rose	R
Wed. Nov. 2	9 a.m.	Just Like Heaven	PG-13
	7 p.m.	Just Like Heaven	PG-13



The theater snack bar opens 30 minutes before the first movie and closes 45 minutes after the last movie begins. Movies and times are subject to change.

For more information, call the Station Theater at 449-6292 or 449-6528.



A \$1 admission fee is charged for ages seven and above.